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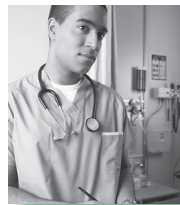
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Accomplishments of the 2007 session



Making sure Education benefits everyone

- We improved access to quality early learning programs and began to phase in full-day kindergarten.
- We fully funded I-732 to lower class size, and I-728 to raise teacher salaries.
- Education creates opportunity and jobs, which is why it is such a great investment of our tax dollars. The Building Bridges Program and the Promoting Academic Success Program are helping low-achieving students stay in school and graduate.
- We're providing more English language learner projects and recruiting more teachers fluent in other languages.
- We also know that healthy kids learn better. That's why we're offering health insurance to every child by 2010. To learn more, call: 1-877-KIDSNOW (1-877-543-7669)



Making health care affordable

- We implemented the Blue Ribbon Commission recommendations to tackle costs and build prevention into our system so we can prevent chronic, costly illnesses.
- We also cut red tape by moving toward electronic medical records.
- We strengthened our public health system to make sure our food is safe, our water is clean and we can respond to an epidemic quicker.

Creating jobs in our communities

- We funded local economic development initiatives that encourage small business and help create vibrant local business districts and prosperous neighborhoods.
- We added 9,700 new enrollments in our state's colleges and universities.
- The Innovation Partnership Zones will serve as marketing tools for the state's industries, and drive the industries and jobs of the future.
- We improved retraining for workers through a new vocational pilot program. It will expand training to two years.



Using our tax dollars wisely

- We recognize that unexpected things can happen, and we planned for their costs by leaving \$724 million in reserve.
- Unlike the federal government, we must balance the state budget.
- We built on last years dedicated savings of \$900 million for schools, health care and pensions.
- This budget creates jobs, improves education and gives more people access to health care.

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Working for a greener and cleaner Washington...

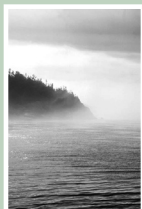
- As the ranking Democrat on the House Committee on Environmental Health, I'm leading efforts to clean up the water, air, and soil in our neighborhoods for our health and our children's future. Last year, on the heels of passing a ban on poisonous mercury, our committee led the way to the nation's first ban of PBDEs, toxic chemicals used in many household items.



- As part of the largest industrial area in the state, we face tough environmental challenges - we must balance our neighborhoods, our jobs, and our need for

clean air and water. I led legislators on a tour of our neighborhoods and in meetings with businesses and concerned citizens to find solutions.

- I'm also a member of the Governor's Biofuels Advisory Committee, finding ways to bring cleaner alternative fuels to the marketplace.



- We provided funding to clean up diesel school buses and other vehicle fleets and to identify and encourage opportunities for alternative fuel development.
- We prioritized funding to cleanup hazardous waste sites and prevent future hazards due to improper disposal of toxic wastes.
- We created the Puget Sound Partnership, a new state agency, focused on cleaning up and restoring the environmental health of Puget Sound.



Transportation Update: Here's what I'm working on:

- The 2007-09 transportation budget creates over 25,000 jobs by investing \$7.5 billion in projects and operations throughout the state. The budget moves forward on the Alaskan Way Viaduct and the 520 bridge. Watch for initial Viaduct construction beginning soon.
- Selling everything from apples and airplanes to software has an enormous economic impact on our state. I've joined the Legislature's new Freight Mobility Task Force because I want to shape the future of our highways and rail lines so we can move goods more quickly and efficiently.
- We need to remember that nothing moves in transportation without fuel. That's why I've led efforts to encourage alternative fuel sources like biodiesel. We must always explore and encourage new technologies to improve our air quality and protect jobs.
- Transportation solutions aren't only about cars, trucks and highways. This year, I helped secure almost \$5 million in safety projects for the pedestrian and bicycle safety program for our neighborhoods.



Holding the Port accountable

The Port of Seattle is a huge economic engine in our region. We need to make sure that engine is running smoothly, which is why **I am working with other representatives to sponsor legislation that makes the port more accountable.** We must protect the jobs that the Port of Seattle is trusted with creating and enabling. Here is a list of some of the legislation I proposed encouraging more accountability at the Port.

HB 2179 – Requiring the state salary board to set the salaries for port commissioners.

HB 2180 – Making it harder for the Port to raise taxes.

HB 2181 – Capping how much the port can tax you.

HB 2182 – Requiring the Port commissioners to be elected by districts rather than at large.

HB 2183 – Limiting port salaries to less than the state governor's salary.

HB 2178 – Keeping the Port from selling property to private investors.



The Port of Seattle manages the airport and piers that drive a large piece of our economy. That's why I want to see the Port run better. I'll remain vigilant about increasing the Port's accountability, from better environmental standards and public oversight to audits.

2007 Legislative Accomplishments & Survey

Legislative Survey

I can't do my job well without hearing from you on the important issues that we face. Please take a few minutes to tell me what you think by filling out this survey and mailing it back to me. I always appreciate your thoughts, comments and ideas. Thank you for your time, and for the honor of serving you in Olympia.

How do you think Washington state is doing?

- ☐ Heading in the right direction
- ☐ Wrong direction
- ☐ Not sure

How do you think America is doing?

- ☐ Right direction
- ☐ Wrong direction
- ☐ Not sure

Recently, Forbes magazine, a national business publication ranked the business climate in Washington the fifth best in the nation. What's the most important thing we can do to build on that success and help your business or employer prosper?

- ☐ Encourage greater tourism
- ☐ Help businesses attract and keep qualified workers
- ☐ Find ways to lower health care costs
- ☐ Invest in the future by providing a world-class education to all students
- ☐ Other _____

What grade would you give our public schools?

Circle one:

A B C D F

Why? _____

How do you think we could improve public schools? (check as many as you support):

- ☐ Pre-school and all-day kindergarten for every child
- ☐ Reduce class size
- ☐ Provide better pay to teachers
- ☐ Offer vouchers for private schools

We have over 100 languages represented in the 11th district, do you speak another language at home besides English?

One of the greatest problems facing our state – and nation – is the skyrocketing cost of health care and the high amount of uninsured. Check all the answers you believe could help alleviate this problem:

- ☐ Offer more health care plans at cheaper prices but with limited coverage
- ☐ Promote preventative health in order to reduce hospital visits
- ☐ Offer workers paid family leave to stay home with sick children or parents
- ☐ Expand health care coverage to all, as we do for children and seniors

"There oughta be a law"

If you were a lawmaker and could fix one problem, what would you do?

How is the Legislature doing on these issues:

- | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| • Education | A – B – C – D – F |
| • Health Care | A – B – C – D – F |
| • Environment | A – B – C – D – F |
| • Job Creation | A – B – C – D – F |
| • Transportation | A – B – C – D – F |
| • Public Safety | A – B – C – D – F |
| • Budget priorities | A – B – C – D – F |

Communication: How often should you hear from your legislator?

- ☐ Every week
- ☐ Every month
- ☐ Only during the Legislative Session

Would you be interested in getting an email copy of newsletters instead of paper snail mail copies like this one?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

What would you like to hear more about from your legislator:

- ☐ I would like more info about



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Please print name here:

Please call me about my responses
☐ Yes ☐ No

Here is my phone number:

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Additional Comments:



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